

Type of Respondents: Parties that enter into service contracts are ocean common carriers and agreements among ocean common carriers on the one hand, and shippers or shipper's associations on the other.

Number of Annual Respondents: The Commission estimates an annual respondent universe of 143.

Estimated Time Per Response: The time per response ranges from .5 to 16 person-hours for reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in the rules, and .5 person-hours for completing Form FMC-83.

Total Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the total person-hour burden at 617,015 person-hours.

Title: 46 CFR Part 531—NVOCC Service Arrangements and Related Form FMC-78.

OMB Approval Number: 3072-0070 (Expires September 30, 2008).

Abstract: The Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. 40103, authorizes the FMC to exempt by rule "any class of agreements between persons subject to the Act or any specified activity of those persons from any requirement of this Act if it finds that the exemption will not result in substantial reduction in competition or be detrimental to commerce. The Commission may attach conditions to any exemption and may, by order, revoke any exemption." 46 CFR Part 531 allows non-vessel-operating common carriers (NVOCCs) and shippers' associations with NVOCC members to act as shipper parties in NVOCC Service Arrangements (NSAs), and to be exempt from certain tariff publication requirements of the Shipping Act provided the carriage in question is done pursuant to an NSA filed with the Commission and the essential terms are published in the NVOCC's tariff.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection, and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Needs and Uses: The Commission uses filed NSAs and associated data for monitoring and investigatory purposes and, in its proceedings, to adjudicate related issues raised by private parties.

Frequency: The filing of NSAs is not assigned a specific time by the Commission; NSAs are filed as they may be entered into by private parties. When parties enter into an NSA, it must be filed with the Commission.

Type of Respondents: Parties that enter into NSAs are NVOCCs and shippers' associations with NVOCC members.

Number of Annual Respondents: The Commission estimates an annual respondent universe of 533.

Estimated Time Per Response: The time per response ranges from .5 to 8 person-hours for reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in the rules, and 1 person-hour for completing Form FMC-78.

Total Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the total person-hour burden at 13,082 person-hours.

Karen V. Gregory,

Assistant Secretary.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards in Personal Property Management; Notice of GSA Bulletin FMR B-18

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration (GSA).

ACTION: Notice of a bulletin.

SUMMARY: This notice announces GSA Federal Management Regulation (FMR) Bulletin B-18 which provides guidance to Federal agencies on the use of voluntary consensus standards in managing the personal property assets under their control. This bulletin is discretionary to executive agencies. GSA Bulletin FMR B-18 may be found at www.gsa.gov/fmrbulletin.

DATES: The bulletin announced in this notice is effective July 17, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset Management, at (202) 501-1777. Please cite Bulletin FMR B-18.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Public Law 104-113, the "National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995," was enacted, in part, to encourage the use of voluntary consensus technical standards in lieu of government-unique standards by Federal agencies except when inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued OMB Circular A-119 to provide additional guidance. Subsequently, the National Property Management Association (NPMA) and the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), now ASTM International, entered into an agreement to develop voluntary consensus standards for

property management activities. Voluntary consensus standards are a valuable tool for the personal property manager as they represent the collective wisdom of Federal and private sector experts covering topics not addressed in law or governmentwide regulations. This bulletin is discretionary to executive agencies.

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B. Procedures

Bulletins regarding asset management are located on the Internet at www.gsa.gov/fmrbulletin as Federal Management Regulation (FMR) bulletins.

Dated: July 21, 2008.

Robert Holcombe,

Director, Personal Property Management Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing on Compliance of Texas State Plan Provisions Concerning Payments for Birthing Center Facility Services With Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the opportunity for an administrative hearing to be held on September 26, 2008 at the CMS Dallas Regional Office, 1301 Young Street, Room 1196, Dallas, Texas 75202, to consider whether Texas State plan provisions concerning payments for birthing center facility services comply with the requirements of the Social Security Act as discussed in the July 28, 2008 letter sent to the State and published herein.

CLOSING DATE: Requests to participate in the hearing as a party must be received by the presiding officer by August 27, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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